Fund for Nagarjuna Sagar Project

3362. SHRI YERRAM NARAY-AKASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for sanction of funds under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIRP) for Nagarjuna Sagar Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 85.50 crores has been sought for this project;

(c) if so, when will this amount be sanctioned; and

(d) the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. TJhe Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought Rs. 85.50 crores as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irri gation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for Nagarjuna Sagar Project during the year 1997-98. However, no amount could be released to this project due to reduction in funds under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits programme at revised budget stage.

(c) and (d) The CLA under AIBP is provided on year to year basis.

Irrigation Projects in North-East

3363. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no major and medium projects have been taken up in the North-Eastem States, except Assam;

(b) if so, .the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Governments haire not submitted any proposal for taking up these projects;

(d) how the irrigation potential of these States of North-East'has been created; and

(e) the details of irrigated areas of these States; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Irrigation potential of the North Eastern States has been created through Major/Medium and by minor irrigation Schemes.

(e) Details of irrigated areas of North Eastern States state-wise are as under:—

State	Ultimate Irrigation potential (in Th. Ha)	Anticipated potential created upto 3/97 (in Th. Ha.)	Anticipated potentisil utilized upto 3/97 (in Th. Ha.)
Assam	970	174.992	101.088
Manipur	135	62.20	49.27
Meghalaya	20	—	—
Nagaland	10	—	—
Tripura	100	2.60	2.60
Sikkim	20	—	—
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
Mizoram	—	—	---
GRAND TOTAL	1255	239.792	152.958